GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

CAF& CS DEPARTMENT –Legal Metrology –Sensitizing the public on LM Act entrusting/delegating the ancillary functions to Village and Ward Secretariat staff - authorizing the identified functionaries to carry out the activities and to assist the Legal Metrology Department–Orders–Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No:46 Dated:22-09-2023

Read the following:

1.This Office Lr. No.FCS03-11/58/2023-ESTBL-LM , Dt 18/08/2023.
2.Ref. No: GWS02-COOR/126/2023-SCHM, 2192898, Dt: 07/09/2023 of Commissioner, GVWV & VSWS Dept.
3. Lr.N o . FCS03-11/58/2023-ESTBL-LM dated 11/09/2023

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O R D E R:

The Department of Legal Metrology enforces the Legal Metrology Act, 2009 and the rules made there under to standardize the transactions made by using Weights and Measures. This objective of Standardization is achieved by periodically Verifying and Stamping the Weights and Measures used by the traders. To carry out this mandate effectively both in the interest of consumers and traders, it is proposed to delegate / entrust select functions of Legal Metrology Officers to the technically qualified staff of Village and Ward Secretariat.

2) Government of Andhra Pradesh, in order to decentralize administration and bring public services close to the people has established Village Secretariats at Villages and Ward Secretariats at all ULBs. In the reference 1st cited, in order to decentralize some of the functions, a letter was addressed to the Director, GVWV & GSWS, to identify the functionaries in Village and Ward Secretariat with the required qualification to undertake the activities required for effective enforcement.

3) In the reference 2nd cited, the Commissioner, GVWV & VSWS Dept has identified the Engineering Assistants/Village Ward Secretaries having B.Tech/BE qualification or B.Sc., with Physics as one of the subjects.

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4) The identified functionaries have to visit the premises physically and check the weights and measures and the services associated with this Weights and Measures and in all such cases these functionaries would have to prove/produce the authority through which these activities are carried out.

5) Government after careful consideration hereby authorize Engineering Assistants/Village Ward Secretaries having B.Tech/B.E. qualification or B.Sc., with Physics as one of the subjects at respective Village and Ward Secretariats respectively to carry out the following activities on behalf of the Department of the Legal Metrology for effective enforcement of the provisions of Legal Metrology Act and Rules in the public interest.

1	To Register the establishments using weights and Measures and selling packaged commodities with help of an application being developed by NIC.
2	On receipt of the Complaints on the subjects like, using of Un verified Weight & Measure, using of Non-Standard Weight and Measure, short delivery of Commodity while Selling, Selling of Packages at more than MRP, the concerned functionary of village and ward secretariat will forward such complaint to concerned Legal Metrology Officer for necessary action.
3	The concerned functionary of village and ward Secretariat shall issue notices to the traders in their jurisdiction for getting the articles verified at camping centres as per the orders of the Controller as specified under Section 24 of the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.
4	Conduct Consumer awareness programmes at village/Mandal levels with the help of Legal Metrology Officers.
5	To assist the Legal Metrology Officers in identifying the non standard weights and measures and in Conducting Inspections as independent witness.
6	To conduct IEC activities on Consumer Rights with the help of audio and visual medium and to educate the functioning of Toll Free number (1967).
7	Educate the traders on Laws and Rules governing Weights and Measures & Packaged Commodity.

6. The Controller Legal Metrology shall prepare appropriate training module to orient the Engineering Assistants, VS/WS on the above functions delegated to enable them to perform/discharge these functions effectively.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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E.O.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Controller, Legal Metrology,A.P.,Vijayawada
The Commissioner, GVWV &VSWS Department.
The Spl.CS Department of Housing & Village & Ward Secretariats
The Hon'ble Minister (CAF & CS) Department
The Hon'ble Minister for Panchayat Raj and Municipal Administration Department.
The Commissioner, Printing and Stationery (to publish the order in A.P. Gazette)

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SECTION OFFICER